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REFERENCES

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25X1 1. [] on 20 May, a column of trucks towing 45-mm AT guns [] passed through Elsterwerda, coming from the direction of Dobrilugk and proceeding toward Riesa.¹

25X1 2. [] on 25 May, 2 T-43 tanks [] were dispatched toward Erfurt at the Halle freight station, and, on 28 May, 3 T-43 tanks [] 1 JS-2 tank, SU guns [] and truck [] were entrained for an undetermined destination.²

25X1 3. On 27 May, 16 small and about 20 large amphibious vehicles, and 12 motor vehicles [] passed through Saalfeld, coming from the direction of Beulwitz and proceeding to the freight station for entraining.³

25X1 1. [] Comment. [] a unit of the First Gds Mecz Army, possibly from Dresden.

25X1 2. [] Comment. The tanks and SP guns belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div, presumably the tank training battalion.

25X1 3. [] Comment. The amphibious vehicles are rather safely believed to have come from the Prinz-Louis-Ferdinand Kaserne on Beulwitzer Strasse, where the 45th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtc Rifle Div has been vaguely carried. []. From the

25X1 the 39th Gds Mtc Rifle Div. However, according to the information in this report, it can rather safely be believed that the engineer battalion is stationed in Saalfeld. [] on 28 May, observed a shipment of engineer units passing through Naumburg toward Weissenfels, which may also belong to this battalion and presumably went to Dessau-Aken. []. As the Moeschen engineer training site is no longer in use and the engineer units of the army and the two rifle corps assembled in Dessau-Aken as early as April, it can be assumed that the engineer battalions of the division also moved to this area. In 1952, these battalions were rotated to the

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Dessau-Aken area according to their assignment to the individual corps.

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